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(FOR KEY SEE REVERSE) 25X1 Ashkhabad (N37-57, E58-23) is the Turkmenistan Military District headquarters of the frontier guard detachments. It is commanded by Genleyt VELIKANOV (fnu), 25X1 Tank, infantry, and aviation units are located in and around Ashkhabad, 25X1 Ashkhabad itself was entirely destroyed by an earthquake in 1948. Now only (sic) military personnel are in the town, most of them belonging to tank units. In 1949 eight tank columns moving from Bakharden to each column comprised 40 tanks and vehicles. Late in 1949, 25X1 more tank units were sent to Ashkhabad. 25X1 Takhta Bazar (N35-57, E62-55) is the location of the 68th detachment, which is under the Ashkhabad Headquarters. Kushka (N35-16, E62-17) is the location of border guard command #2 of the 68th border guard detachment; it is subordinate to the detachment headquarters at Takhta Bazar. There is also a "mixed" division stationed at Kushka which includes infantry, artillery, cavalry and tank units. Islim (N35-24, E62-09) is the location of border guard post #6, which is under the jurisdiction of bommand #2 at Kushka. At a point seven kilometers south-southeast of Kushka, border guard post #7 is located; it is under the jurisdiction of command #2 of the 68th detachment at Kushka. Border guard post #8 is located at N35-13, E62-23; it is under the jurisdiction of command #2 of the 68th detachment at Kushka. Border guard post #9 is located east of post #8, four kilometers west of 8.

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68th detachment at Kushka.

- 9. Border guard post #10 is located twelve kilometers east of post #9; it is subordinate to command #2 of the 68th detachment at Kushka.
- 10. Bakharden (N38-27, E57-25) is the headquarters of the 71st border guard detachment; the supply center for the detachment is the Geok Tepe railroad station. The commanding officer of the headquarters is Col. KHOROSHEV (fnu), and Lt. Col. PEPELAXEV (fnu) is chief of staff. The 71st detachment is called the "Maneuver Group"; it is a mechanized transport unit.
- 11. Kara Kala (N38-27, E56-18) is the location of command #1 of the 71st detachment.
- 12. Kaine Kasir (N38-14, E56-56) is the location of border guard post #10 and the border guard command #2 which is under the jurisdiction of the 71st detachment at Bakharden.
- 13. Daniyeh (38-13, E57-06) is the location of border guard post #11, which is under the jurisdiction of command #2 at Kaine Kasir.
- II. Arvaz (N38-15, E57-09) is the location of frontier post #12 under the jurisdiction of command #3 at (N38-19, E57-19) of the 71st detachment. The post occupies high ground, which slopes downward to the Iranian border; to the northeast of the post is Mt. Tagaryova, with an elevation of 7,425 feet. The post is flanked by pillboxes, one at the northeast corner, one at the west side, and another south of the post. The commanding officer of the post is Lt. SHVAITZBERG (fnu).
- 15. Almadzhik is the location of border guard post #13, which is under the jurisdiction of command #3 of the 71st detachment. The commanding officer of the post is Senior Lt. DOLENYA (fnu).
- 16. Border guard post #1h is located at N38-19, E57-09; it is subordinate to command #3 of the 71st detachment.
- 17. Prokhladnaya is the location of border guard post #15 under the jurisdiction of command #3.2
- 18. Syulyukly (N38-O4, E57-24) is the location of frontier post #16 under the jurisdiction of command #4 at Germab. The post is walled and occupies an area approximately 100 meters by 100 meters. Pillboxes are not detached from the post, but are an integral part of the wall; they are the same size as pillboxes at other frontier posts. The present post was built to replace the former one, which is now in ruins and which occupied the site of a village which had been abandoned. During the grazing season, the abandoned village and post is used for housing the cattle. The commanding officer of the post is Lt. NOVIKOV (fnu).
- 19. Mergen Ulya (not located) is the location of border guard post #17, which is under the jurisdiction of command #4 of the 71st detachment based at Germab.
- 20. Germab (N38-00, E57-44) is the location of border guard post #18, and the command #4 of the 71st detachment. The commanding officer of the post is Capt. KRUTSKIKH (fnu).
- 21. Khurabad (N37-52, E57-52) is the location of border guard post #19, which is under the jurisdiction of command #4 based at Germab.

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22.	Chaek (N37-36, E58-04) is the location of frontier post #20 which is under the jurisdiction of command #4 of the 71st detachment based at Germab. The post covers an area of 100 meters by 100 meters. Pillboxes of a size sufficient to hold 12 men are situated at each corner of the post. The commanding officer of the post is Capt. ZIKEVSKIY (fnu).	
23.	Firyuza (N37-55, E58-04) is the location of border guard post #21, which is under the jurisdiction of command #4 of the 71st detachment at Germab. The commanding officer of the post is Sr. Lt. PETROV (fmu).	
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  1. Border Guard units are broken down in the following fashions
  - a. At the top of the structural division is the military district.
  - b. Under the authority of the military district is the detachment, which has a complement of from 300 to 350 men.
  - 6. Subservient to the detachment is the command, which has a strength of from 70 to 80 men. This includes the 51 men who make up the administrative and staff personnel of the command itself. Four commands comprise a detachment.
  - d. Under the command is the frontier post, which has a listed strength of 51. A frontier post generally has about 46 enlisted men, among whom are one senior sergeant, four or five sergeants, and an assistant to the senior sergeant. The remaining personnel are officers, of either the first or second category. The difference between the officer categories is that a first category officer is qualified as a political officer, and gives political lectures at the frontier post. A post commanded by an officer of the first category will be headed by three officers; if commanded by a second category officer, the post will be headed by two officers.
- The pay rates of border guards and officers are:
  - a. A private in his first year of duty receives 30 rubles a month.
  - b. A private with two years of service receives 50 rubles a south.
  - 6. A sergeant without a specialty receives 50 rubles a month.
  - d. A sergeant with a specialty receives 150 rubles a month.

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- a. A chief of a frontier post receives 1,500 rubles a month.
- f. A commandant receives 2,800 to 3,000 rubles a month.
- 3. Border guards receive political lectures nightly, which last from two to three hours; political lectures are given during the day on Mondays and Fridays. Guards receive about one month of leave a year. If sentenced to the guardhouse for disciplinary punishment, inmates are fed bread and water every other day. Border guards are required to be Communist Party members, or to apply for membership in the party. Guards who are too young to belong to the party are required to be members of the Komsomol.
- h. Border guard training includes courses in horsemanship, life in the desert, tracking, communications, and the maintenance of communications. One such training installation is located at Mary (N37-35, E61-50), where there is also a school for border guard senior sergeants. Those draftees born in 1928, who were called up for service in 1948 and sent into the border guard service, were trained at the school at Mary.
- the depth of the area for which the border guards are responsible,

  is rather wide since patrols were sent at great distances from the border toward the interior of the USSR.

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6. The "Secret Section" of the frontier troops interrogates Turkmen, or other indigenous people living in the frontier area, who are caught smuggling or otherwise evading laws.

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(FOR KEY SEE REVERSE) 25X1 1. There is an aviation regiment based at a military airfield at Kyzyl Arvat (N38-58, E56-15). The airfield have a large number of hangars, 25X1 and has single, two-and four-motored aircraft. There are three airfields at Mary (N37-35, E61-50), two military and one civilian. 3. There is a small airfield located in Kaine Kasir (N38-14, E56-56), and another at Kara Kala (N38-27, E57-25). Ashkhabad (N37-57, E58-23) has four airfields. Two of them are located 40 north of the city. A military training field is located south of the city, while the civil airfield is to the west of Ashkhabad. 5. Between Takhta Bazar (N35-57, E62-55) and Dashkopry (not located), there is an airfield which is used by military and civilian aircraft. Seven kilometers east of Kushka (N35-16, E62-17) there is an airfield, immediately east of the village of Markanovka 25X1 In Krasnovodsk (N40-00, E53-00) there is an airfield, which is heavily 7. guarded, as are the seven docks in the harbor. There is a forbidden area surrounding these installations, and they cannot be seen by outsiders.

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